

17 August 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

25X1A SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OSS Records

25X1A At 10:30, 16 August I again spoke with Mr. Cy Fraker to obtain more specifics on the Army request for OSS records of [REDACTED]. I was informed that he told these people of the CIA serious interest in coordinating on any declassification or release of the [REDACTED] records:

25X1A Lt. Col. Holland, Ass't Chief of Staff for Intelligence who is processing the congressional inquiry.

Mr. Donohue, Chief, Public Information in the Office for Freedom of Information, Dept. of Army who is processing the White House inquiry.

Both men have met and discussed the Army position. They found references in their files that indicated past interest of CIA in this person and the Agency's earlier request that we be contacted upon future inquiries. Mr. Fraker still did not have any names of those people interested in the case at this time.

25X1A I also spoke with [REDACTED] the SSU Executive Secretary. He had not yet informed the General Counsel or the Agency Information Officer of this current interest in [REDACTED] but said he would contact them this morning.

25X1A [REDACTED] Acting Chief Support Services Staff, was briefed on the Army request and SSU position. He also was furnished the General Counsel's memo of 20 July 71 on the DCI policy for control of OSS Records and their limited release. [REDACTED] briefed the DDS at the noon staff meeting, Monday 16 August. He informed me the DDS had no additional comment or suggestion on the case.

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CIA Records Administration Officer

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1. Late Friday afternoon 13 August I was phoned by Col. Pomrenze of the Adjutant General's Office, Dept. of the Army (11-20585). He explained that they had two inquiries concerning the release of records on Captain [REDACTED] killed in China in 1945. He asked if CIA had any interest in the declassification of these files.

2. Col. Pomrenze explained that one inquiry came to the Army Public Information Office from the White House asking "Why don't you declassify the file on [REDACTED] killed in China?" The second inquiry came to the Army Intelligence Staff from a congressman. I was told by Col. Pomrenze that at present the Army considers these as questions, not action requests and is processing these questions on a low key. He expects them to become official requirements eventually and wanted me to have an advance opportunity to prepare an Agency position.

3. I contacted our SSU in DDP [REDACTED] to check it out with the SSU Director [REDACTED] among others. Early Monday, 16 August he called back to say that [REDACTED] was connected with OSS and that he was killed under mysterious circumstances. Some information remains sensitive and that CIA wishes to participate in the declassification review and coordination on the release of any files.

4. This information was immediately passed on to Cy Fraker who is assisting Col. Pomrenze on this Project [REDACTED] (The Colonel was away at a meeting.)

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